



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA DISASTER LOAN ASSISTANCE REACHES ½ BILLION DOLLARS IN TEXAS DUE TO HURRICANE IKE

Sacramento, CA – Manuel R. Gonzalez, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Houston District Office, announced today that SBA has approved \$500.9 million in Federal low-interest disaster loans to Texas homeowners, renters and businesses who sustained damages from Hurricane Ike.

"Since the President declared Hurricane Ike a disaster, SBA has approved \$388.9 million in low interest disaster loans to 7,483 Texas homeowners and renters and \$112 million in loans to 1,097 businesses and private, non-profit organizations," said Gonzalez.

"SBA is committed to helping individuals and business owners in Texas rebuild their homes, their businesses, and their lives as quickly as possible," said Gonzalez. Individuals and business owners who sustained damages from the hurricane are encouraged to tele-register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling (800) 621-3362, or (800) 462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. "The deadline to file an application for property damages for Hurricane Ike in Texas has been extended to **February 6**. Don't miss out on assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help," he added.

According to Gonzalez, SBA customer service representatives continue to be available at 13 Disaster Recovery Centers, 2 Disaster Loan Outreach Centers and 2 Business Assistance Centers throughout the affected areas. "These customer service representatives are available to meet individually with each disaster victim to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their applications, and close approved disaster loans. No appointment is necessary at any center to speak with a representative," Gonzalez said.

SBA is the Federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster damaged private property. Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private, non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to homeowners and businesses to help with the cost of making improvements that prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. The EIDL application deadline is **June 15, 2009**.

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For additional information, visit SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance or contact SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or (800) 877-8339 for hearing impaired individuals or email SBA at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

"Disaster victims also may now go online to file an SBA application for disaster loan assistance. The Electronic Loan Application (ELA) is accessible via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>," said Gonzalez.

Below is a list of the open locations. All locations are closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>BRAZORIA COUNTY</u> Senior Citizen Center 309 West Sealy Street Alvin, TX 77511	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>FORT BEND COUNTY</u> Wells Fargo Bank Building 2440 Texas Parkway Missouri City, TX 77489	Closes: Saturday, January 17 @ COB HOURS: Mondays – Fridays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm Saturdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>GALVESTON COUNTY</u> Galveston Island Community Center 4700 Broadway Galveston, TX 77551	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>GALVESTON COUNTY</u> VFW Post 8566 1401 Grand Avenue on Highway 646 Bacliff, TX 77518	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>GALVESTON COUNTY</u> Mall of the Mainland 10000 Emmett S. Lowry Expressway, Suite 1318 (Lower Level, across from Bath & Body Works) Texas City, TX 77591	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 10:00 am – 6:30 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>HARRIS COUNTY</u> San Jacinto Mall 6109 Garth Road (in the Mervyn's building) Baytown, TX 77521	Closes: Saturday, January 17 @ COB HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
<i>BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER</i>	<u>HARRIS COUNTY</u> Houston SCORE Chapter 8701 S Gessner, 12 th Floor Houston, TX 77074	HOURS: Mondays – Fridays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>HARRIS COUNTY</u> Greenspoint Mall 12300 North Freeway Houston, TX 77060	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>HARRIS COUNTY</u> Old Freeman Library Bay Area Annex 16603 Buccaneer Lane (entrance on Diana Lane) Houston, TX 77062	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>HARRIS COUNTY</u> 3 rd Ward Multi Service Center 3611 Ennis Street Houston, TX 77004	Closes: Thursday, January 15 @ COB HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>HARRIS COUNTY</u> Universal Shopping Center 11360 Bellaire Boulevard, Suite 900 Houston, TX 77072	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
<i>BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER & SBA DISASTER LOAN OUTREACH CENTER</i>	<u>HARRIS COUNTY</u> San Jacinto College SBDC Economic Alliance – Houston Port, Region Building 908 West Main Street La Porte, TX 77571	HOURS: Mondays – Fridays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>HARRIS COUNTY</u> Miramar Shopping Center 2004 SR 146 / Bayport Boulevard Seabrook, TX 77586	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>JEFFERSON COUNTY</u> Former Postal Office Encoding Center Facility 750 Pearl Street Beaumont, TX 77701	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
SBA DISASTER LOAN OUTREACH CENTER	<u>JEFFERSON COUNTY</u> Port Arthur Civic Center 3401 Cultural Center Drive Port Arthur, TX 77642	HOURS: Mondays – Fridays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
SBA DISASTER LOAN OUTREACH CENTER	<u>ORANGE COUNTY</u> Bridge City Chamber of Commerce 159 West Round Bunch Road (near intersection with Hwy 73) Bridge City, TX 77611	HOURS: Mondays – Fridays 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER	<u>ORANGE COUNTY</u> Northway Shopping Center 3727 N. 16 th Street, Suite 100 Orange, TX 77632	HOURS: Mondays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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